



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/785,559 Confirmation No. 8134

Applicant : Randy Jon Clark *et al.*

Filed : February 24, 2004

TC/A.U. : 1732

Examiner : Mary Lynn F. Theisen

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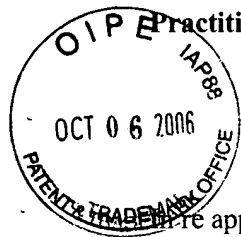
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006, and is intended to be responsive to each and every issue raised in that Action. This document is believed to be timely in view of the three-month shortened statutory period for response that was stated in the Action.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.



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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006 for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

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3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	=	\$ 0.00		
TOTAL						ADDIT. FEE	\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.


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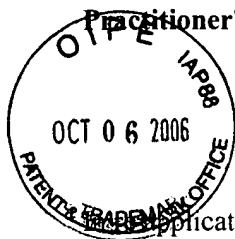


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